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1 1. (currently amended) A device for attaching to a living subject having a joint,
2 comprising a first sensor, a second sensor, a processor, and a non-volatile storage
3 device, said a first sensor for attaching to a first body segment above ~~a hip~~ the
4 joint, said second sensor for attaching to a second body segment below the ~~hip~~
5 joint, wherein said first sensor and said second sensor each comprise ~~an~~ a solid
6 state inclination measuring device for determining inclination with respect to the
7 gravity vector, wherein said inclination with respect to the gravity vector
8 determined data from said first sensor and from said second sensor is processed in
9 said processor and stored in said non-volatile storage device for distinguishing
10 lying, sitting, and standing positions, wherein said processor and said non-volatile
11 storage device are part of the device for attaching to the living subject.

1 2. (Canceled)

1 3. (original) A device as recited in claim 2, wherein said inclination measuring
2 device comprises a dc accelerometer.

1 4. (original) A device as recited in claim 1, wherein said inclination measuring
2 device comprises three accelerometers orthogonally mounted.

1 5. (original) A device as recited in claim 1, wherein said inclination measuring
2 device further comprises a magnetometer.

1 6. (currently amended) A device as recited in claim 5 1, wherein said inclination
2 measuring device comprises a plurality of magnetometers.

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1 7. (currently amended) A device as recited in claim 1, wherein data from said
2 ~~magnetometer data~~ magnetometers is for providing direction with respect to the
3 earth's magnetic field.

1 8. (original) A device as recited in claim 1, wherein data from said first sensor is
2 subtracted from data from said second sensor.

1 9. (original) A device as recited in claim 8, wherein said subtraction is to determine
2 a difference in orientation.

1 10. (original) A device as recited in claim 8, wherein said first sensor and said second
2 sensor are for measuring range of motion of said second body segment with
3 respect to said first body segment.

1 11. (currently amended) A device as recited in claim 10, wherein data from said range
2 of motion measurement ~~data~~ is analyzed for change of range of motion over time.

1 12. (original) A device as recited in claim 11, wherein initial values of said time
2 dependent data are tared out to provide change from said initial values.

1 13. (currently amended) A device as recited in claim 1, wherein said non-volatile
2 storage device comprises a solid state device.

1 14. (currently amended) A device as recited in claim 13, wherein said non-volatile
2 storage device comprises a non-volatile memory ~~device~~ chip.

1 15. (original) A device as recited in claim 1, further comprising a feedback
2 mechanism

- 1 16. (currently amended) A device as recited in claim ~~16~~ 15, further comprising a
2 housing, wherein said first sensor, said storage device, said processor, and said
3 feedback mechanism are all within said housing.
- 1 17. (original) A device as recited in claim 15, further comprising a housing separate
2 from said first sensor and said second sensor, wherein said feedback mechanism is
3 within said housing.
- 1 18. (original) A device as recited in claim 17, wherein said first sensor and said
2 second sensor are wirelessly connected to said housing containing said feedback
3 mechanism.
- 1 19. (original) A device as recited in claim 18, wherein said wireless connection is an
2 RF connection.
- 1 20. (currently amended) A device as recited in claim 15, wherein said feedback
2 mechanism is activated if a preset range of motion threshold has been exceeded
3 too many more than a specified number of times.
- 1 21. (original) A device as recited in claim 15, wherein said feedback mechanism
2 provides vibratory or auditory feedback.
- 1 22. (original) A device as recited in claim 15, wherein said feedback mechanism
2 comprises a piezo-electric buzzer or an electromagnetic shaker.
- 1 23. (original) A device as recited in claim 15, wherein said feedback mechanism
2 provides feedback to warn of a problem, discourage a movement, support a
3 desired result, or encourage a movement.

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- 1 24. (original) A device as recited in claim 23, wherein said problem comprises
2 repeatedly exceeding a pre-programmed inclination angle.
- 1 25. (original) A device as recited in claim 1, wherein said processor comprises a
2 microprocessor, a signal processor, or a personal computer.
- 1 26. (currently amended) A device as recited in claim 1, wherein data from said
2 inclination determination data comprises body segment ~~orientation~~ inclination
3 data as a function of time.
- 1 27. (currently amended) A device as recited in claim 1, wherein data from said
2 inclination determination data comprises posture data as a function of time.
- 1 28. (currently amended) A device as recited in claim 1, wherein data from said
2 inclination determination data is used to adjust physical therapy.
- 1 29. (original) A device as recited in claim 1, wherein said device further comprises a
2 data entry system.
- 1 30. (original) A device as recited in claim 29, wherein said data entry system
2 comprises a button.
- 1 31. (original) A device as recited in claim 29, wherein said data entry system is for
2 recording the presence of pain.
- 1 32. (original) A device as recited in claim 29, wherein time, date or other data are
2 recorded when said data entry system is used.

1 33. (currently amended) A device as recited in claim 1, wherein further comprising a
2 program for displaying data from said inclination determination data is displayed
3 as a histogram showing number of inclinations at each angle range during a time
4 period.

1 34. (currently amended) A device as recited in claim 1, wherein further comprising a
2 program for displaying data from said inclination determination data is displayed
3 as inclination v. time.

1 35. (original) A device as recited in claim 1, further comprising a digital filter.

1 36. (currently amended) A device as recited in claim 35, wherein said device may be
2 subject to linear accelerations, wherein said digital filter is for reducing effect of
3 said linear accelerations on the data.

1 37. (original) A device as recited in claim 35, wherein said digital filter comprises a
2 low pass filter or a high pass filter.

1 38. (currently amended) A device as recited in claim 1, wherein said inclination
2 measuring device comprises dc accelerometers, wherein said device further
3 comprising comprises a high pass filter, wherein output of said accelerometers
4 that passes through said high pass filter is subsequently integrated and used to
5 compute a resultant velocity which is used to calculate energy used.

1 39. (original) A device as recited in claim 1, wherein said device is further for
2 determining body posture in said sitting position.

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40. (currently amended) A device comprising a solid state sensor, a processor, a non-volatile storage device, and a feedback mechanism wherein data from said sensor is processed in said processor to provide an output, wherein said output is stored in said non-volatile storage device as a function of time, and wherein multiple points of said time dependent output stored in said non-volatile storage device are processed in said processor, wherein said processor is programmed to direct ~~directs~~ said feedback mechanism to provide information or instruction in response to said multiple points of time dependent output indicating ~~too little~~ inactivity, or activity of a joint during an interval of time that is less than a preset level of activity, or too small a range of motion of a joint during an interval of time that is less than a preset range of motion, or repetitive activity that can cause repetitive stress injury or too many motions beyond a specified range of motion during an interval of time or too much or vibration during an interval of time that is greater than a preset amount of vibration ~~for too long a time.~~

41. (currently amended) A device as recited in claim ~~42~~ 40, wherein said sensor comprises an inclination measuring device

42. (Canceled)

43. (currently amended) A device as recited in claim ~~42~~ 40, wherein said inclination measuring device comprises a dc accelerometer.

44. (original) A device as recited in claim 43, wherein said inclination measuring device comprises three accelerometers orthogonally mounted.

45. (original) A device as recited in claim 43, wherein said inclination measuring device further comprises a magnetometer.

1 46. (original) A device as recited in claim 45, wherein said inclination measuring
2 device comprises a plurality of magnetometers.

1 47. (original) A device as recited in claim 45, wherein said magnetometer is for
2 providing direction with respect to the earth's magnetic field.

1 48. (currently amended) A device as recited in claim 40, further comprising a network
2 of said solid state sensors.

1 49. (currently amended) A device as recited in claim 48, wherein a first solid state
2 sensor of said network of solid state sensors is for placing on a first body segment
3 and a second solid state sensor of said network of solid state sensors is for placing
4 on a second body segment connected to said first body segment.

1 50. (currently amended) A device as recited in claim 49, wherein output data from
2 said first sensor is subtracted from data from said second sensor to provide angle
3 of a joint there between.

1 51. (original) A device as recited in claim 49, wherein said first sensor and said
2 second sensor are for measuring range of motion of said second body segment
3 with respect to said first body segment.

1 52. (currently amended) A device as recited in claim 51, wherein data from said range
2 of motion measurement data is analyzed for change of range of motion over time.

1 53. (original) A device as recited in claim 51, wherein an initial values of said time
2 dependent data is tared out for said first sensor and said second sensor to provide
3 change from said initial value.

1 54. (original) A device as recited in claim 40, wherein said storage device comprises a
2 solid state device.

1 55. (original) A device as recited in claim 54, wherein said storage device comprises a
2 non-volatile memory device.

1 56. (currently amended) A device as recited in claim 1, wherein said storage device
2 and said processor are within a housing, wherein said storage device and said
3 processor are within the same housing.

1 57. (original) A device as recited in claim 40, further comprising a housing, wherein
2 said sensor, said storage device, said processor, and said feedback mechanism are
3 all within said housing.

1 58. (original) A device as recited in claim 40, further comprising a housing separate
2 from said sensor, wherein said feedback mechanism is within said separate
3 housing.

1 59. (original) A device as recited in claim 58, wherein said sensor is wirelessly
2 connected to said housing containing said feedback mechanism.

1 60. (original) A device as recited in claim 59, wherein said wireless connection is an
2 RF connection.

1 61. (original) A device as recited in claim 40, wherein said feedback mechanism is
2 activated if a preset range of motion threshold has been exceeded more than a
3 specified number of times.

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- 1 62. (original) A device as recited in claim 40, wherein said feedback mechanism
2 provides vibratory or auditory feedback.
- 1 63. (original) A device as recited in claim 40, wherein said feedback mechanism
2 comprises a piezo-electric buzzer or an electromagnetic shaker.
- 1 64. (original) A device as recited in claim 40, wherein said feedback mechanism
2 provides feedback to warn of a problem, discourage a movement, support a
3 desired result, or encourage a movement.
- 1 65. (original) A device as recited in claim 64, wherein said problem comprises
2 repeatedly exceeding a pre-programmed inclination angle.
- 1 66. (original) A device as recited in claim 40, wherein said processor comprises a
2 microprocessor, a signal processor, or a personal computer.
- 1 67. (original) A device as recited in claim 40, wherein said output comprises body
2 segment orientation data as a function of time.
- 1 68. (original) A device as recited in claim 40, wherein said output comprises posture
2 data as a function of time.
- 1 69. (original) A device as recited in claim 40, wherein said output is used to adjust
2 physical therapy.
- 1 70. (original) A device as recited in claim 40, wherein said device further comprises a
2 data entry system.

- 1 71. (original) A device as recited in claim 70, wherein said data entry system
2 comprises a button.
- 1 72. (original) A device as recited in claim 70, wherein said data entry system is for
2 recording the presence of pain.
- 1 73. (original) A device as recited in claim 70, wherein time, date or other data are
2 recorded when said data entry system is used.
- 1 74. (original) A device as recited in claim 40, wherein said output is displayed as a
2 histogram showing number of inclinations at each angle range during a time
3 period.
- 1 75. (original) A device as recited in claim 40, wherein said output is displayed as
2 inclination v. time.
- 1 76. (original) A device as recited in claim 40, further comprising a digital filter.
- 1 77. (original) A device as recited in claim 76, wherein said digital filter is for reducing
2 effect of linear accelerations on the data.
- 1 78. (original) A device as recited in claim 76, wherein said digital filter comprises a
2 low pass filter.
- 1 79. (currently amended) A device as recited in claim 40, wherein said sensor
2 comprises accelerometers, further comprising a high pass filter, wherein output of
3 said accelerometers that passes through said high pass filter is subsequently
4 integrated and used to compute a resultant velocity which is used to calculate
5 energy used.

1 80. (currently amended) A device as recited in claim 40, wherein said device is further
2 for determining body posture in said a sitting position.

1 81. (original) A device as recited in claim 40, wherein said device is wearable.

1 82. (original) A device as recited in claim 40, wherein said device records output over
2 a series of intervals of time.

1 83. (New) A device for attaching to a living subject, comprising a first sensor, a
2 processor, and a storage device, wherein said first sensor comprises a device for
3 determining a curvature of the spine, wherein data from said first sensor is
4 processed in said processor and stored in said storage device, wherein said first
5 sensor, said processor and said storage device are part of the device for attaching
6 to the living subject.

1 84. (New) A device as recited in claim 83, wherein said device is capable of detecting
2 various postures based on curvature of the spine.

1 85. (New) A device as recited in claim 84, wherein said device is capable of detecting
2 a kyphotic curvature of the spine or a lordotic curvature of the spine.

1 86. (New) A device as recited in claim 85, wherein said processor is programmed to
2 measure the time the subject has said kyphotic curvature of the spine and
3 determines whether said time exceeds a preset value, and wherein said processor
4 is further programmed to prompt the subject to move if said time exceeds said
5 preset value.

1 87. (New) A device as recited in claim 86, further comprising a first inclination
2 measuring device for determining inclination with respect to the gravity vector
3 and a second inclination measuring device for determining inclination with
4 respect to the gravity vector, said first inclination measuring device for attaching
5 to a first body segment above a joint, said second inclination measuring device for
6 attaching to a second body segment below said joint for distinguishing lying,
7 sitting, and standing positions.

1 88. (New) A device as recited in claim 83, further comprising at least one additional
2 sensor for attaching to the subject for distinguishing lying, sitting, and standing
3 positions.

1 89. (New) A device as recited in claim 88, wherein said at least one additional sensor
2 includes a solid state inclination measuring device for determining inclination
3 with respect to the gravity vector.

1 90. (New) A device as recited in claim 89, wherein said at least one additional sensor
2 includes a first inclination measuring device and a second inclination measuring
3 device, said first inclination measuring device for attaching to a first body
4 segment above a joint, said second inclination measuring device for attaching to a
5 second body segment below said joint.

1 91. (New) A device as recited in claim 90, wherein said joint is a hip joint.

1 92. (New) A device as recited in claim 1, wherein said joint is a hip joint.

1 93. (New) A device as recited in claim 1, further comprising a sensor for further
2 detecting posture based on curvature of the spine.
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1 94. (New) A device as recited in claim 93, wherein said sensor is capable of detecting
2 a kyphotic curvature of the spine.

1 95. (New) A device as recited in claim 94, wherein said processor is programmed to
2 measure the time the subject has said kyphotic curvature of the spine and
3 determines whether said time exceeds a preset value, and wherein said processor
4 is further programmed to prompt the subject to move if said time exceeds said
5 preset value.

1 96. (New) A device as recited in claim 40, further comprising a sensor for detecting a
2 posture based on curvature of the spine.

1 97. (New) A device as recited in claim 96, wherein said sensor is capable of detecting
2 a kyphotic curvature of the spine.

1 98. (New) A device as recited in claim 97, wherein said processor is programmed to
2 measure the time the subject has said kyphotic curvature of the spine and
3 determines whether said time exceeds a preset value, and wherein said processor
4 is further programmed to prompt the subject to move if said time exceeds said
5 preset value.

1 99. (New) A device comprising a first sensor for placing on a first body segment, a
2 second sensor for placing on a second body segment, a processor, a storage
3 device, and a feedback mechanism wherein data from said first and said second
4 sensors is processed in said processor to provide an output, wherein said output is
5 stored in said storage device as a function of time, and wherein multiple points of
6 said time dependent output stored in said storage device are processed in said
7 processor, wherein said processor is programmed to direct said feedback
8 mechanism to provide information or instruction in response to said multiple
9 points of time dependent output for measuring range of motion of said second
10 body segment with respect to said first body segment.
